

Remarks:

Amendments have been made in order to simplify the ongoing prosecution of this application and in an effort to bring the application into condition for immediate allowance.

The Official Action objected to Claims 9 and 10 on the ground of improper multiple dependency. Claim 9 has been canceled and is no longer at issue. Claim 10 has been amended to depend only from independent method Claim 1. Thus it is submitted that the objections on form have been obviated.

Amendments were requested to Claim 3. Claim 3 has been canceled, and thus is no longer at issue here.

Objection was made to a phrase in Claim 10, which has now been amended in a manner which is submitted as overcoming the objection raised.

All claims presented were rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by the teaching of Szymanski U.S. Publication 2002/0053062. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is in error, and reconsideration and allowance of the claims now presented is respectfully requested in light of the following comment.

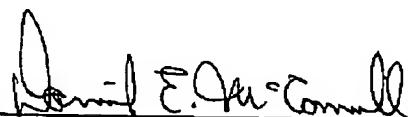
The attention of the Examiner is drawn to the description, beginning on page 6 of the present specification at line 10 and continuing through line 19 on page 7, defining a "connection identifier value" as used in the claims presented. As there pointed out, the value includes three distinct elements: the identifier of an emitter, the identifier of a receiver, and a set of properties. Thus the value, as recited in the claims under consideration specifically links a specific emitter and a specific receiver.

In attempting to link applicant's claim language to the teaching of the reference applied, the Examiner, referring to the step of assigning a connection identifier value, references paragraph 0194, line 3 of Szymanski. There, the teaching is of assigning a packet sequence number. There is no teaching or suggestion of providing a value which embeds the identifier of an emitter and the identifier of a receiver.

It is elementary that a rejection under 35 USC 102 for anticipation must find, within the four corners of a single document, each and every element of a claimed invention. Here, that test is failed, as there is no teaching of a connection identifier value as taught by this application.

For the reasons stated, it is submitted that the claims now presented are in condition for immediate allowance, and that action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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